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SUBJECT: CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION IN CRAWFORD ARREST
CASE
REF: A. MOSCOW 15460 B. MOSCOW 15292

1. THE KGB HAS CONTINUED TO SUMMONS CRAWFORD FOR INTER-
ROGATION DIRECTLY, BYPASSING EMBASSY AS AN INTERLOCUTOR.
AT AUGUST 4 MEETING (SEPTTEL), KGB MAJOR BELYAYEV IN-
FORMED CONSOFF THAT HE COULD NOT UNDER SOVIET LAW (PO
SOVIETSKUYU ZAKONU) CONTACT EMBASSY DIRECTLY, AND THERE-
FORE HAD TO CONTACT CRAWFORD AT OFFICE. IN RESPONSE,
WE PLAN TO MAKE A NEW REPRESENTATION TO THE MFA ON
AUGUST 7 REQUESTING THAT ALL COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN
KGB AND CRAWFORD BE VIA MFA TO EMBASSY.

2. WE PLAN TO POINT OUT THAT THIS IS LOGICAL IN VIEW
OF THE RESPONSIBILITY ASSUMED BY THE AMBASSADOR TO
MAKE CRAWFORD AVAILABLE TO SOVIET AUTHORITIES AS RE-
QUESTED. WE WOULD ALSO NOTE THAT KGB COLONEL VOLODIN
INFORMED CONSULAR COUNSELOR ON DAY OF CRAWFORD'S RE-
LEASE FROM LEFORTOVO JUNE 27 THAT SUMMONS TO CRAWFORD
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WOULD BE THROUGH THE EMBASSY. WE WILL POINT AS PRE-
CEDENT TO THE FACT THAT CRAWFORD'S FIRST SUMMONS TO
KGB FOLLOWING HIS JUNE 27 RELEASE WAS VIA MFA ON
JULY 3, SUMMONING CRAWFORD TO INTERROGATION JULY 5
(CANCELLED BY MFA CALL TO EMBASSY JULY 4).

3. WE ALSO PLAN TO OBJECT TO THE FREQUENCY WITH WHICH

CRAWFORD IS BEING CALLED IN AND TO THE FREQUENT POST-
PONEMENTS AND CHANGES IN INSTRUCTIONS TO HIM, WHICH
HAVE THE EFFECT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL HARRASSMENT. TOON

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